

The Alaska Airmen's association, representing more than 1,600 members in Alaska, fully supports this SFAR. Use of GPS/WASS for alignment of airways will reduce the minimum altitudes and very often result in aircraft being able to fly below the freezing/icing level. This will enhance safety. The use of GPS/WASS (.999) has a higher reliability and operational capability than the current VOR/DME/NBD system (.985) in place in Alaska. The use and availability under the SFAR will provide more reliable navigation, as well as increased safety.